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A. Political-Economic

1. Party Conferences in Moscow

Following conferences of delegations of all Communist parties in Moscow, a "Resolution of Meeting of Representatives of Communist and Workers Parties of Socialist countries held in Moscow betw 14 and 16 Nov 1957" was published.

Following points are worth noting:

- a. World revolution still listed as Main Communist aim.
- b. Stressed that US are main enemy of whole Socialist camp and heir of old colonial powers in the Middle East (Eisenhower Doctrine) and South-East Asia (SEATO).
- c. As only state beside the US, West Germany mentioned in connection with statement that potential danger of war prevalent as long as imperialist powers in existence.
- d. Extended functions and increased importance of Warsaw Pact announced.
- e. With regard to relations on party and state level within Eastern Bloc, right of national individuality granted to certain degree, but following demands inevitable:
 leading role of workers class
 abolishing of private ownership of means of production
 socialization of agriculture
 maintaining of planned economy
 continuation of ideological and cultural revolution
 creation of Communist intellectual strata.
- f. "Revisionism" mentioned as most dangerous countermovement, because of possible compromises with bourgeois-capitalistic ideas.
- g. No new roof organization to be founded as successor of Kominform, only determined that existing bilateral connections of Communist Parties to Moscow be supplemented by more frequent conferences.

(Comment: Demands concerning interior conditions of all Eastern Bloc states deserve most interest. Slightly moderated formulations represent certain concession with regard to Poland and Red China. In return, Gomulka as well as Mao acknowledged unambiguously Moscow's leading role in the field of party and state policies. Yugoslavian delegation did not sign resolution since, officially, it does not belong to the Eastern Bloc and does not want further to lose face toward the West, particularly the US. Moscow apparently attaches no importance to this Yugoslavian attitude.)

2. German-Soviet Talks in Pankov

On 21 Nov, commission for "Regulation of Temporary Stay of Soviet Troops in the GDR" assembled in East Berlin.

(Comment: Possible evacuation of East Berlin by Soviet units stationed there and question of air sovereignty which, recently, was repeatedly touched upon by Soviet Zone authorities, may have been discussed.)

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B. Armed Forces**I. USSR and "United" Forces (Warsaw Pact)****1. Higher Echelon Organisation and Personnel**

The ceremonial session of the Ministry for Defense on the Day of the Artillery, 16 Nov, was opened by Arty Marshal S.S. Varentsov. (press)

(Comment: In press report concerned, Varentsov mentioned as Commander of Arty of Soviet Army, thus so far assumed assignment confirmed.)

On 11 Nov, Maj Gen P.P. Sabenikov mentioned as Chief of Central Military Courses "Wystrel". (press)

(Comment: Sabenikov's military career so far unknown. "Wystrel" refers to courses for commanding officers of combined weapons up to regimental level, mostly battalion commanders.)

[redacted] Army Gen M.V. Zakharov who, accord to press reports, is to become successor of Marshal A.A. Grechko as Commander-in-Chief of GSFG

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(Comment: Reports, accord to which previous Commander of GSFG, Marshal Grechko, is to become Deputy Defense Minister, may be correct; simultaneous promotion to Commander-in-Chief of Ground Forces, a position which, at present, is vacant, appears possible. Marshal Grechko has been Commander of GSFG since 1953.

2. Total Strength**Personnel Exchange (GDR-USSR)**

Personnel shipmts crossing the border betw 12 and 20 Nov, incl:

USSR - GDR: 1 train loaded, 1 partially loaded;

GDR - USSR: 11 trains loaded, 3 partially loaded, 3 empty. (B-3).

(Comment: Personnel exchange continued. So far, total of 41 shipmts observed crossing the border.)

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II. Poland

Recruiting and Replacement Administration

Accord to Polish press report of 1 Nov 1957, recruits of the 1936 and 1937-classes have just arrived at the Warsaw post. Inductees are reportedly more than 175 cm tall and reported individually without military escort to their units. Draftees allegedly in no case failed to follow draft orders. The age class now in service was to be discharged "within 4 weeks".

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(Comment: [redacted])

[redacted] Inductees of the 1936-class probably represent remainders of that class not inducted in 1956. Info that inductees were more than 175 cm tall tends to indicate that they were scheduled as replacements for the 1st Mts Rifle Div "Tadeusz Kosciuszko" stationed in Warsaw area. The 1935-class is due for discharge in the fall of 1957.

III. Yugoslavia

Recruiting and Replacement Administration

Reported from units of various branches of service of Yugoslavian Army that, in spring of 1956 and 1957, recruits were assigned to independent training units, where they received military basic training of several months. Subsequently, they were transferred to regular units, where they received their special training. Military service with the army lasted 2 years. Discharges were occasionally effected already after 18 months [redacted]

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(Comment: Info confirms previous reports, accord to which special training units directly subordinate to divisions and/or higher command agencies have been in charge of training of recruits since 1956.

[redacted] Undetermined, if personnel due for induction is being drafted in several groups at various times of the year. Discharge prior to completion of general military service reported only in a few cases. Accord to other reports, the age class (1935?) which had been due for discharge in the spring of 1957, has been discharged only after 2 years of service, in some cases plus several extra months, because of the Hungarian crisis.)

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C. ArmyI. USSR (GDR)**SECRET
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Betw 1 and 5 Nov, the following transfers were effected in Neustrelitz: appr 30 trucks with billeting equipment presun from Neue Infanterie Kaserne (2221) toward Altstrelitz; AAA regt from restricted area Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse to Neue Infanterie Kaserne; elms arty regt from Alte Grenadier Kaserne (2225) to Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse restricted area

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(Comment:

Presun transfers only within area 9th Gds Tank Div/Second Gds Mecz Army (Tank). Remains to be seen to what extent other posts of div affected.)

2. Training

Bulk of Soviet troops at posts; engaged in preparations for arrival of recruits, basis training, barracks duty and vehicle maintenance. Only occasionally training outside of quarters and posts:

2 Nov, tank firing detail 25th Tank Div returned to Prenslau from Wittstock

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7 and 15 Nov, elms 6th Arty Div/GSPG Incl 122-mm field hows and 160-mm morts from Rathenow to exercises near post

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(Comment:

Units occupied with personnel exchange, at present only small-scale training activities.)

II. GDR1. Training

24/25 Oct, large elms 1st Mts Rifle Regt transferred to or near Kliets firing range and tng gr, apparently for 4 weeks

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In addition to guard and administration personnel, appr 350 men, who were to be discharged on 2 Nov, remained at post

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(Comment:

The transfer to a tng gr of an entire regt at that time may be explained by the several-week quarantine imposed on this regt of the 1st Mts Rifle Div in Aug. The first report on discharges contained in the above info tends to indicate that they started some 10 to 14 days earlier than expected but about 10 to 14 days later than in 1956.)

On 12 Nov, elms 2d Mts Rifle Regt conducted a short exercise against small elms 1st Ren Bn SE Potsdam, with tanks and antitank weapons being employed on both sides. Exercise

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terminated after a bridge was destroyed by tank-mounted inf units and the enemy had been thrown from adjoining field fortifications. On 11 Nov, engs again practiced river crossing of trucks with AT guns and troops on ferries of each 3 steel ponton sections near Geltow SW Potsdam while 1 to 2 amph trucks which were occupied to capacity repeatedly crossed the Havel River [redacted]

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(Comment.)

Available report indicate no changes of training activities during first half Nov [redacted] With regard to preceding period, it may be added that exercises of several days may have been conducted after mid-October by elms 6th Mtz Rifle Div.)

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2. Logistics

On 1 Nov, a shpmt of a few cars with load exceeding standard measurements went from Frankfurt/Oder to Tergelow [redacted]

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(Comment.)

Judging from the receiving station, shpmt was bound for 6th Mtz Rifle Div or 9th Tank Div of NVA/Ground Forces. Number of T-54s available to troops increased considerably (T-54s belong already to equipment of mts rifle divs).)

III. Poland

Training

In Nov 1956, the officer candidate school of AAA forces of the Polish Army (Oficerska Szkola Artylerie Przecyn Lotnicze) was stationed in the former Napola in Koeslin. The school, which is directly subordinate to the M.O.N. Warsaw, has been commanded by Lt Col Sjoja since 1954. His deputy was Maj Otremski.

1. Training

a. Regular Officer aspirants:

(1) Prerequisites:

High school education (Abitur) and passing of 1-week entrance examination at school.

(2) Training:

First year of training: basic training and training with guns, terminating with exam. Second year of training terminates with another exam. After 3 years of training, final exam, promotion to the rank of lieutenant and transfer to units. Intermediate promotions effected according to personnel achievements. Unfit aspirants had to leave the school.

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b. Reserve officer aspirants:

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(1) Prerequisites:

Two years of active service with promotion to the rank of NCO or technical sergeant.

(2) Training:

Reserve officer training lasted 3 months and was conducted in separate courses.

2. Personnel:

- a. Staff of school consists of active officers only. Appr 60 officers are employed.
- b. Cadre personnel all in the first or second year of military service are organized into a motor transport and a labor unit. Totalling 75 men.
- c. Strength of courses: regular officer aspirants, 1st through 3d year of tng each appr 200 men, total appr 600 men; reserve officer aspirants appr 40 men.

3. Weapons and Equipment

Guns: 4 or 5 four-barreled AA machine guns, 15x37-mm, 20x57-mm (arrived Jul 1956), 8 or 10x85-mm and 2 or 4x100-mm (arrived Oct 1956) AA guns.

In addition, several machine guns and light inf weapons. Mot veh: prime movers for guns, trucks, bus, sedans and sidecar motorcycles.

The school transferred twice a year, namely 1 week in winter (Jan, Feb) and 4 weeks in summer (Jun), to Stolpmünde tng gr for firing practice

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(Comment.)

A school of AAA forces in Koeslin has previously been reported. There were also vague indications that an officer aspirant school was concerned, Lt Col Sjoja and Maj Otremski are reported for the first time. It was confirmed that the school is independent from the 16th AAA Div stationed in Koeslin and the 88th AAA Regt. A first report on equipment of the school with 100-mm, 85-mm and 37-mm guns, as well as ZPU-4s, was received in the fall of 1956. Info that school is directly subordinate to M.O.N. and that it is the only officer school of AAA forces not yet confirmed but credible.)

Officer schools mentioned by Polish press and radio include:

Officer school of the arm command (Stefan Czarnecki) in Posen, C/O Col M. Charlanow (Express Poznanski of 13 Oct 1957; and Military Medical Academy which, according to Polish radio announcement of 14 Nov 1957, was opened as 5 th military academy in Lodz on decision by Council of Ministers.

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(Comment.)

Polish Tank Officer School confirmed in Posen since 1947.
Col Charlanow allegedly officer in the pre-war army from
Lublin. Since [redacted]

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[redacted] pre-war officers represent only 1.3 percent of
the present Polish officer corps, the employment of such an
officer in this position which is particularly important for
the training of young officers, is worth noting.
A Military Medical Academy and/or Military Medical Training
Center in Lodz has been known since early 1956. Possibly
reorganization or redesignation into "academy".

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Annex to Part C

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Details to Part I USSR (GDR)**1. Transfers**

The following observations indicating transfers were made in Neustrelitz:

1/2 Nov, 2 columns of appr 30 trucks loaded with billeting equipment and underground cables, presum from Neue Infanterie Kaserne (2221), toward Altstrelitz.

3 Nov, AAA unit from restricted area at Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse transferred to Neue Infanterie Kaserne; allegedly quartered in tents.

4/5 Nov, elms of arty unit incl guns, trucks and billeting equipment, quartered in Alte Grenadier Kaserne (2225) transferred to restricted area on Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse.

14 Nov, Alte Grenadier Kaserne allegedly to be occupied by NVA

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(Comments: Movements observed indicate transfer within Neustrelitz post. The AAA Regt/9th Gds Tank Div was previously carried in the restricted area on Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse, 2 tank regts/9th Gds Tank Div in the Neue Infanterie Kaserne, and the arty regt/9th Gds Tank Div in the Alte Grenadier Kaserne. It has already been rumored for some time that the NVA intends to occupy posts at Neustrelitz.)

2. Training

2 Nov, 1 shpmt incl 4 T-54s, 4 JS tanks and 2 JSU-122s from Dranse to Prenzlau

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(Comments: Presum return of tank firing detail of the 25th Tank Div from Wittstock tng gr. One shpmt had been loaded with tanks and SP guns in Prenzlau toward u/i destination on 15 Oct.)

7 Nov, from direction Rathenow toward Grosswudicke: 4x122-mm field hows, 8x160-mm mortars, appr 100 personnel equipped for field.

15 Nov, from the same direction toward the same direction: 4x160-mm mortars

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(Comments: Presum exercises near post by elms 18th How Arty Brig and elms 65th Mort Brig/6th Arty Div/GSFG.)

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3. Personnel Exchange

From 12 to 20 November 1957, the following border-crossing personnel shipments were observed:

Date in November	From	To	Number of Axes	Weight (in tons)
12	Kuestrin	Cottbus distr	116	700
	Frankfurt/Oder	Kostrzyn	116	700
13	Greifswald distr	Brest-Litovsk	116	700
	Cottbus distr	Frankfurt/Oder	116	700
	Kuestrin	Cottbus distr	116	800
14	Cottbus distr	Kostrzyn	116	500
15	Cottbus distr	Kostrzyn	114	800
15/16	Justerbog/Altes Lager	Brest-Litovsk	116	800
16	Bernau	Cottbus distr	116	800
	Cottbus distr	Kostrzyn	116	500
16/17	Cottbus distr	Kuestrin	116	600
	Justerbog/Altes Lager	Kostrzyn	116	800
17/18	Greifswald distr	Cottbus distr	120	900
	Cottbus distr	Kostrzyn	116	800
18	Fuerstenuwalde	Brest-Litovsk	122	1,000
19	Bernau	Kuestrin	116	800
	Cottbus distr	Kuestrin	116	850
20	Greifswald distr	Kostrzyn	116	850

On 16 Nov, 60 converted boxcars, loaded, from Dallgow to Frankfurt/Oder.

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4. U/I Shipments (not included in other data)

11 Nov, 1 shpmt Schwerin distr - Velten.

14 Nov, 1 shpmt Halle distr - Greifswald distr;
1 shpmt Fuerstenwalde - Greifswald distr;
1 shpmt Satskorn - Greifswald distr.

16 Nov, 1 shpmt Schwerin distr - Wustermark;
1 shpmt Wildpark - Justerbog/Altes Lager.

17 Nov, 1 shpmt Satskorn - Greifswald distr;
1 shpmt Frankfurt/Oder - Greifswald distr.

18 Nov, 1 shpmt Magdeburg distr - Wildpark.

20 Nov, 1 shpmt Frankfurt/Oder - Greifswald distr;
1 shpmt Satskorn - Greifswald distr;
1 shpmt Bernau - Satskorn.

21 Nov, 1 shpmt Justerbog/Altes Lager - Werder;
1 shpmt Satskorn - Halle distr.

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(Comment: The above-listed 14 shipments possibly include a number of intrazonal supply and personnel shipments.)

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At 0900 on 14 Nov 1957, 412 Soviet Air Force soldiers coming from Finow railroad station arrived in housing area Thomas, Mann Strasse [redacted]

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(Comment: First indication of possible reoccupation with flying unit of Finow airfield after completion of construction work on runway.)

In Apr 1957, a Token radar set was in operation on hill southwest of Taurage (55 15 N/22 18 E), 400 meters south of Taurage-Schelale road, 800 meters west of airfield [redacted]

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In Oct 1957, 17 TU-104s counted on Irkutsk (52 15 N/10420 E) airfield [redacted]

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(Comment: Airfield mostly used by commercial aircraft.)

2. Logistics

On 15 Nov 1957 it was determined at Stendal airfield that concreting work completed on taxiway, connecting lanes and dispersal areas on 12 Nov [redacted]

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(Comment: Concrete lane system completed at Stendal.)

II. Poland**1. Location of Troops**

On 16 Oct 1957, 14 MiG-15s observed at Lask (51 34 N/19 10 E) airfield; intensive air activity [redacted]

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(Comment: New occupation; presumably Polish troops.)

III. Czechoslovakia**1. Location of Troops**

In Aug 1957, Zatec (50 22 N/13 35 E) airfield occupied by 40-50 MiG-15/17s [redacted]

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(Comment: Zatec previously occupied by 3 fighter regiments. Available information tends to indicate that third regiment transferred to Mimon (50 38 N/14 44 E).

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I. USSR**SECRET
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During the last few weeks there have been repeated reports on "new Soviet landing ships". The following may generally be said on this issue:

Photographs attached to some of the reports show a type ship which has for the first time been observed in the Baltic already in the summer of 1956.

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Measurements taken on the photographs indicate a boat's length of about 50 meters.

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the Soviet boat is fitted with a stack on the aft section and fails to have the fall reeps on either side of the forecastle:

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The assumption that the Soviet vessels are actually landing craft is considerably supported by comparisons with similar units of other Navies.

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A confirmation is possible only after observation of these craft in connection with landing practices.

Old-Model AA Turrets Aboard Cruiser

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Photographs of cruiser [] of the CHAPAYEV Class, which was observed en route from the Arctic Sea to the Baltics in early October, showed that the ships were fitted with old-model AA turrets they were equipped with when first taken into service. This is unusual, since all ships of this class which have recently been observed were equipped with spherical AA control stands, which are also used aboard SVERDLOV and KIPOV cruisers.

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It is possible that the ships were on their way to Leningrad, in order to be reequipped with new devices at the Leningrad Shipyard. It is also likely that the ship's radar equipment will simultaneously be brought up to up-to-date standard.

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II. GDRSoviet Speedboats Turned Over to NVA/Sea

At about noon on 17 October 1957, nine P-6 speedboats put into Parow Harbor (near Stralsund). The boats had a new coat of paint, each one tarpaulin-covered gun on the forecastle and the aft section and a long tube in the center on either side. On 22 October 1957, the boats were berthed at the same place, that is at the northern

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2. Ten SEINERs, which are fitted with trawl winch and stern sheave and which are destined for the USSR, to be committed in the Black Sea and Caspian Sea. Technical data: length, about 28 meters; width, about 4 meters; draft, about 2.5 meters; propulsion, 1 propeller; engine, 1 x 300 hp-8-cylinder diesel with 500 revolutions per minute; speed, 12 to 15 knots with drag net and up to 22 knots without trailing gear; modern radio installation. In 1956, 15 vessels had already been built for the USSR; more craft will follow. The SEINERs can obviously be employed for minelaying and minesweeping, and an AA gun may be mounted on the platform at the stern.

the SEINERs are said to be equipped with diesel-electric three-phase current motors. But it is also possible that new ships with this type propulsion have been constructed.

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3. A tank barge; length, 28 meters; dead weight capacity, 150 tons; engine, 1 x 150 hp diesel. The boat contains six tanks for a total of about 250 tons of diesel fuel and 1 tank for 32 tons of fresh water. Its completion is scheduled for 1957 and no more constructions are planned.
4. Repair ships which are considerably larger than the SEINERs. They are equipped with a forge, a foundry, a turning shop, a drilling shop, welding shop and with a diesel compressor. The construction of a series of 65 ships for the USSR is scheduled to be started in late 1957.
5. Two supply ships. Technical data: length, 27 meters; width, 6 meters; draft, 2 meters; dead weight capacity, 250 tons; engine, 1 x 150 hp-8-cylinder diesel with 500 revolutions per minute and a speed of 6 knots. The construction of these ships was completed in 1956 and was not continued in 1957.

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quay of Parow Harbor. [REDACTED]

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All these craft belong to the 6th Flotilla. Two and a half tons of fuel were made ready for the torpedo speedboats. A 12-KW generator was put up at the quay, since the available amperage was not applicable and caused short circuits [REDACTED]

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(Comment: The NVA/See had for some time expected the turn-over of speedboats from the USSR. Already in May 1956, Soviet-Zone naval officers and EM had been detached to the Soviet Union for training on Soviet speedboats. In 1957, it was observed that speedboat crews were trained at NVA/See schools including Schumannschance and Parow [REDACTED]

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HABICHT Minelaying and Minesweeping Boats Reassigned

Among the HABICHTs reported [REDACTED] These craft presumably [REDACTED] were transferred from the 7th Flotilla in Parow to the 1st Flotilla in Peenemuende [REDACTED]

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(Comment: Other unconfirmed reports mentioned the deactivation of the 7th Flotilla in Parow. [REDACTED]

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furthermore, HABICHT [REDACTED] which had so far belonged to the 9th Ship Instruction Flotilla (9. Baubelehrungsflotille) as training boat for KRAKE crews, is also believed to be transferred to the 1st Flotilla in the near future, since its training tasks were now taken over by the first KRAKE [REDACTED] The 1st Flotilla would thus be complete; it would consist of 6 boats. [REDACTED] equipped with Soviet radar [REDACTED]

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Another report indicates that the overhauled ERNST THAELMANN is to be used as training ship and it may be concluded that it will take over training functions previously executed by the 7th Flotilla. The DELPHINES of the 7th Flotilla are allegedly to be turned over to the border police.

Construction Program of Ernst Thaelmann Shipyard in Brandenburg

Status: October 1957

The construction of the following craft was provided for in the shipyard program:

1. Eight icebreakers, which can also be used as tugs. Technical data: length, about 22 meters; width, about 5.8 meters; draft, 1.75 meters; engine, 1 x 540 hp-BW diesel; speed, 10.5 knots; tractive force, 4 tons; crew, 5 men; costs, 1,200,000 DME. The superstructures were to be made of light metal. [REDACTED]

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